



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 15, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration And Storm Water Management Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,652,197 in the Creeks Capital Fund for the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project.

DISCUSSION:

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama. The ARRA appropriates additional economic stimulus funds for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), managed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), received approximately \$280 million from this bill. The SWRCB modified the existing CWSRF program to distribute a portion of these monies as grants to fund nonpoint source pollution control projects throughout the state.

Although competition was extremely high for these stimulus funds, the Creeks Division submitted a grant application for the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project. The project involves construction of vegetated swales, basins, and pocket wetlands that capture and treat urban storm water runoff from adjacent neighborhoods and the municipal golf course. This project was selected by staff because it creates jobs, builds green infrastructure, and was ready for construction within the required CWSRF timeline.

The CWSRF guidelines require a resolution authorizing the applicant's representative to apply for, negotiate, and execute a grant contract. Council approved such a resolution at its August 25, 2009, meeting. The Creeks Division has now been awarded grant

funding through the CWSRF grant program for the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration & Storm Water Management Project.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total cost of the project is \$1,966,595. The CWSRF grant will provide \$1,652,197 toward the construction of the project. Matching Measure B funds in the amount of \$314,398 are already budgeted in the Creeks Division Capital Program.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This project is designed to reduce several types of water quality pollutants, including trash, sediment, nutrients, and metals, and also includes several acres of creek habitat restoration.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office